

## Wyoming Regional Haze Hearing Opening Statement

Good afternoon/evening my name is Carl Daly. I am the Director of the Air Program in EPA's Region 8 Office in Denver. As you heard from Judge Sutin, this hearing concerns EPA's proposed action on a portion of Wyoming's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) that addresses the requirements pertaining to particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOX) and impacts at additional Class I areas. Our proposed action was published in the Federal Register on June 4, 2012. We are required by a Consent Decree to finalize our proposed action for Wyoming's regional haze plan by October 15, 2012. On May 24, 2012 we published a companion proposed action concerning Wyoming's Sulfur Dioxide Trading program, which is also part of Wyoming's regional haze plan. That May 24, 2012 proposed action is not part of this public hearing.

In our June 4, 2012 action, we are proposing to approve the majority of Wyoming's Regional Haze SIP for particulate matter (PM) and nitrogen oxides (NOX). Specifically, we are proposing approval of the State's Best

Available Retrofit Technology (BART) determinations for NO<sub>x</sub> and PM for 6 electric generating units or "EGUs" and for 4 other facilities. We are proposing to approve the State's reasonable progress determinations for NO<sub>x</sub> and PM for one source.

We are proposing to disapprove and put in a place a federal plan for the BART determinations and emission limits for NO<sub>x</sub> for 7 EGUs:

PacifiCorp's Dave Johnston Unit 3, Jim Bridger Unit 1 and 2, and Wyodak Unit 1; and Basin Electric's Laramie River Units 1, 2, and 3.

For the PacifiCorp and Basin Electric Units, we disagree with the State's conclusion that low NO<sub>x</sub> burners and overfired air combustion controls represent BART for NO<sub>x</sub>. We are instead proposing the use of Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction controls for 5 of these Units (PacifiCorp's Dave Johnston Unit 3 and Wyodak Unit 1 and for Basin Electric's 3 Laramie River Units).

We are proposing the use of Selective Catalytic Reduction or "SCR" controls for PacifiCorp's Jim Bridger Unit 1 and 2. EPA is seeking comment on two alternative proposals related to the Jim Bridger plant

and timing for installation of the NO<sub>x</sub> emissions controls.

In addition, we are proposing to disapprove and have a federal plan for the reasonable progress determinations and limits for NO<sub>x</sub> for 2 EGUs: Units 1 and 2 at PacifiCorp's Dave Johnston plant. We disagree with the State's determination that it is not reasonable to impose any NO<sub>x</sub> controls at this time to achieve reasonable progress.

As it has done with other states, EPA has worked, and will continue to work, with Wyoming and the affected facilities on this important issue.

We are also accepting written comments. Written comments must be received by EPA on or before August 3, 2012.

Your comments are encouraged. We will consider all comments in finalizing our action on the State's Regional Haze and visibility plans and our federal plan.